Cable tray support methods

Overview

A Guide to Installing and Supporting Electrical Cable TraysThis guide covers the critical steps, from selecting the right electrical cable tray and perform.

Key Takeaways

Proper cable tray support ensures mechanical integrity, compliance with NEC standards, and safe routing of electrical conductors.

Support Methods

Cable trays require mechanical support to maintain structural integrity and prevent sagging or damage to cables. Common support methods include: Trapeze Hangers: Suspended from ceilings using threaded rods and struts, ideal for long horizontal runs in industrial or commercial spaces. Cantilever Wall Brackets: Mounted directly to walls for vertical or horizontal runs along walls.

Beam or Column Attachments: Strut channels or clamps can be fixed to structural steel, concrete, or masonry using expansion anchors, machine screws, or self-drilling fasteners.

Support Span and Load Considerations

The support span is the distance between consecutive supports and is critical for safety and compliance: Determined based on the manufacturer's load capacity chart and the total anticipated weight of cables. Overfilling a tray or exceeding the span can lead to conductor overheating, sagging, or mechanical failure. Typical spans vary by tray type: ladder trays allow longer spans due to rungs, while ventilated troughs may require closer supports for smaller cables.

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Fittings and Accessories

Cable tray systems often include: Elbows, tees, and crosses: Should be supported at joints and within 610 mm of the ends for vertical runs. Splice plates and expansion joints: Used to connect sections and accommodate thermal expansion. Covers, clamps, and barriers: Provide protection, separation of voltage-rated cables, and grounding.

Material and Environmental Considerations

Metallic trays: Typically hot-dip galvanized or painted to prevent corrosion; comply with NEMA VE-1 or equivalent IEC standards.

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P (fiberglass-reinforced plastic) trays: Non-conductive and corrosion-resistant, suitable for high-moisture or chemical environments. Aluminum trays: Lightweight and corrosion-resistant, often used in industrial or outdoor applications.

Grounding and Bonding

All metallic trays must be bonded and grounded according to NEC Article 392 to prevent electrical hazards. Grounding jumpers and clamps are installed at splice points and supports to maintain electrical continuity. Installation NotesField-cut tray lengths should be measured and cut as required.

Intermediate supports are required for wide piperacks or long spans over 6096 mm. Fireproofed structural steel should have struts attached before fireproofing. Vertical elbows should be supported at both top and bottom joints to prevent stress on cables.

By following these support details, cable tray systems can safely carry electrical conductors, comply with NEC and NEMA standards, and allow for future maintenance or expansion.

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This guide covers the critical steps, from selecting the right electrical cable tray and performing accurate cable fill calculations to managing a safe cable pull through

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In addition, a cable support system can be used to separate and arrange cables in groups. The systems are installed on ceilings, walls or floors. The material of a cable support system is normally steel or

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The tray is then attached to the bracket using either a bracket clamp (see page C35) in the case of the “L” bracket or integrated bend-down tabs for the TabLok bracket.

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Attach the bracket to the mounting surface, position tray over bracket and slide tray under tabs. Lock tabs down using a screwdriver. The tray is locked into place – no additional hardware required.

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